

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 1038

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Commerce, Labor & Sports, March 9, 2017

Title: An act relating to increasing the number of tasting rooms allowed under a domestic winery license.

Brief Description: Increasing the number of tasting rooms allowed under a domestic winery license.

Sponsors: House Committee on Commerce & Gaming (originally sponsored by Representatives Condotta, Stanford, Johnson, Vick, Haler and Sawyer).

Brief History: Passed House: 2/28/17, 94-4.

Committee Activity: Commerce, Labor & Sports: 3/09/17 [DPA].

Brief Summary of Amended Bill

- Increases, from two to four, the number of separate locations from which a domestic winery may serve samples of its own products, sell its own wine at retail, and sell its own wine in kegs or sanitary containers.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, LABOR & SPORTS

Majority Report: Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Baumgartner, Chair; Keiser, Ranking Minority Member; Conway, Hasegawa, Saldaña and Wilson.

Staff: Richard Rodger (786-7461)

Background: A domestic winery license, issued by the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB), authorizes the manufacture of wine in the state. Subject to certain restrictions, domestic wineries may act as distributors and retailers of wine of their own production. Such wineries must comply with applicable laws and rules relating to distributors and retailers.

A domestic winery may have up to two locations, separate from its manufacturing site, where the winery may serve samples and sell wine of its own production at retail. The LCB must approve each additional tasting room.

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Summary of Amended Bill: The number of locations separate from a domestic winery's production or manufacturing sites from which a domestic winery may serve samples of its own products, sell wine of its own production at retail, and sell for off-premises consumption wines of its own production in kegs or sanitary containers brought to the premises by the purchaser or furnished by the domestic winery and filled at the tap at the time of sale is increased from two to four.

EFFECT OF COMMERCE, LABOR & SPORTS COMMITTEE AMENDMENT(S):

- Removes the legislative statement of intent to create 200 new wineries.
- Removes the LCB reporting requirement.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: No public hearing was held.

Persons Testifying: N/A.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: N/A.